

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Advisory Action of April 10, 2008, Applicant encloses a Request for Continuing Examination together with the prescribed fee. The supporting submissions are set out below.

Applicant submits that the enclosed RCE fully complies with 37 CFR 1.114 and therefore asks that the finality of the last report be withdrawn.

Submissions

35 U.S.C. §103 - Claims 3 and 4

Claims 3 and 4 stand rejected as obvious in light of US 6,962,404 to Nunokawa et al, in view of US 6,612,240 to Silverbrook et al.

Claim 4 is restricted to "the controller being configured to determine how many of the separate integrated circuits are needed to operate the pagewidth printhead at the print speed of the installed cartridge". The Examiner states that "Silverbrook determines that both of the modules will be needed (Column 5, Lines 16-20)". The Applicant can not find any disclosure in the '240 reference to suggest a controller that is configured to make determination as to the print speed capabilities of the printhead, or any suggestion of a controller that determines the number of integrated circuits necessary to operate the printhead at its full capabilities. This determination performed by the controller is an essential element of the invention and not disclosed in either of the cited references.

In light of the above, the Applicant submits that all rejections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the present application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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